

## **NEWS RELEASE**

RE: City of Quincy 2011 Fall Tree Planting Program

The City of Quincy is once again offering its fall tree-planting program starting on **Monday, October 3, 2011 through Monday, October 31, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.**

Under the program, Quincy residents and business owners may buy one tree each for planting on the City's Right-of-Way adjacent to the applicant's property. The trees cost \$30 each.

City crews will plant the trees, but the owner is responsible for watering and other upkeep. City officials say that the young trees require large amounts of water, especially during long periods of dry weather.

Several different varieties of trees are available, and the applicant may request a certain type if available. However, the City reserves the right to adjust the location of the tree—or even the type of tree—to make sure that the tree will not interfere with water, gas or overhead utility wire infrastructure.

Most trees will be planted in the Right-of-Way between the sidewalk and the street. However, Quincy residents who live in subdivisions without sidewalks also may purchase a tree. Those trees should be planted in the front yard no more than 10 feet from the edge of the curb.

A total of 80 trees will be available on a first-come, first served basis. The trees will be 8 to 10 feet in height and 2 inches in diameter when planted. The varieties of trees available are: October Glory Maple, Autumn Flame, Spring Snow Crabapple, Red Bud, Canada Red Cherry, Kwanzan Cherry and Ivory Silk Lilac.

Trees can be purchased in **person**, with cash, check or money order at the Central Services Department, Room 105 at 2020 Jennifer Road. More information is available by calling 217-228-4520.

STANDARD VARIETY:

October Glory Maple

Broadly ovate, medium texture; Shiny green leaves, crimson-red color; May turn brown suddenly after frost.  
Fast growth: 50' to 60'

Autumn Flame

Broadly ovate, medium texture; Leaves smaller than the species, yellow to scarlet early in the fall.  
Vigorous growth: 45' to 55' (40' tall at age 30)

SHORT VARIETY:

Eastern Redbud

Popular ornamental tree; Spreading branches, rounded form; Dark green leaves with yellow fall color leaves; Purplish pink flowers; One of the earliest flowering trees.  
30'

Spring Snow Crabapple

Ovate, medium texture; Bright green leaves; Single white flowers, abundant, larger than average.  
25' to 30'

Canada Red Cherry

Ovate, medium texture; Leaves emerge green and mature to a deep reddish purple; Clusters of white flowers in spring and dark purple to black fruit.  
20' to 30'

Ivory Silk Lilac

Ovate, medium texture; Dark green leaves; In late spring, bears large creamy-white flower clusters, at an early age clusters of capsules, turning from green to brown.  
20' to 30'

Kwanzan Cherry

Moderately vase-shaped, spreading with age, medium texture; Foliage emerges reddish copper, turning dark green, then orange-brown in fall; Flowers 2 ½" pendulous, doubles, deep pink blossoms; Fruitless.  
25' to 35' (30' at age 30)